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PLANNING FOR THE COME-BACK

Patterson May Run for Mayor of Memphis.

IS AFTER TAYLOR'S SEAT

It is Stated the Series of Conferences Recently Held at Memphis Means that the ex-Governor is Determined to Make Another Bid for Favor.

Memphis, Tenn., June 26.—For the first time since he vacated the executive mansion, "Shelby's favored son," as Governor Patterson was once known in this county, has discarded his role of "private citizen" to dabble in affairs that his close personal friends say may "pave the right of way to a United States senatorial toga," for local politicians profess to understand clearly the ambition of the ex-governor to railroad himself to official Washington two years hence, when the legislature will be called on to select a senator to fill the post at present held by Senator "Bob" Taylor, the man who was called on to replace Governor Patterson as the "harmony" candidate against Governor Hooper, after Patterson had been repudiated by his party in the last gubernatorial race.

The ex-governor is still chafing because he was practically scratched out of the last gubernatorial stakes. He is also piqued and is alleged to have been in a constant pout since his well-laid plans to go to the United States senate were thwarted during early sessions of the present legislature.

His visit to Nashville at this hour is therefore said to be in his personal interests for a future political "come-back," and incidentally to even up old grudges with those who forced his retirement from public life.

MAY RUN FOR MAYOR

According to exposures made here after a conference between Patterson and some of the anti-administrationists of Memphis, the first move will be made to crush Mayor Crump in the mayoralty race next autumn. There is already a well-defined report that the ex-governor will be a candidate against the field, as an even dozen business men or politicians have thus far refused to run against Crump, although pressure has been brought to bear on some of the oldest and most prominent citizens.

The hopes of Patterson and his following, therefore, are believed to depend largely on his ability to name the Shelby county election commissioners. Trustee Creath of this county, one of Patterson's looked-on champions and lieutenants, has been busy for several weeks attempting to make a trade that will land an anti-Crump commission.

It is known that Creath is very bitter against Mayor Crump.

PATTERSON AND CREATH

This bitterness is believed to have been increased recently when Crump fathered the act passed in the last legislature which took the collection of city taxes away from Creath, hence the alliance between Patterson and Creath in the attempt to "even up" with the Memphis mayor and the anti-Patterson crowd in the legislature, all at one time.

SELLS EXPLAINS VOTE ON BRISTOW AMENDMENT

Washington, June 26.—Representative Sells, of Tennessee, was the only republican member of the house to vote with the democrats against the Bristow amendment to the resolution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. "I voted that way," explained Mr. Sells "because I am earnestly in favor of the general proposition and I believe the Bristow amendment might imperil its adoption by enough states to endanger its success.

WEDDING BELLS ARE COMMON

Several Nuptials are Solemnized During Week.

MISS JARRETT JUNE BRIDE

Floyd Caffey, Operator at Del Rio, Claims Newport Girl for His Own—Two Young Ladies Plan Double Wedding—Clerk Holt Kept Busy.

County Court Clerk John Holt has had a busy time issuing marriage licenses and Saturday evening was a big day for him, no less than six young couples deciding to enter the state of matrimony late in the day and making application for the licenses Saturday between 6 and 8 p. m.

Caffey-Jarrett

A wedding which came as a surprise to their many friends was that of Floyd Caffey, Southern railway operator here for many years but who for the past several weeks has been stationed at Del Rio and Miss Edna Jarrett of this city.

Last Thursday evening at 6:30 Miss Jarrett met Mr. Caffey at the home of Mr. Caffey's cousin, J. W. Atchley and Rev. W. E. Hendricks appeared on the scene with a friend or two and the ceremony was performed, and the bride and groom awaited the appearance of train No. 102 and were safely on board before it was known that they had been made man and wife. Their many friends wish them an abundance of joy.

Hartsell-Johnson

and Price-Dawson

Miss Elvira Johnson who for the past several months has been setting type in the Plain Talk office has decided that it would be more suitable to her inclination to keep house than to continue in this line of work and has taken unto herself a better half in the person of Lem Hartsell a well known young employe of the Champion Lumber Company. Miss Johnson set her last stick of type last Saturday and although her friends were not acquainted with the fact until some time later, she and Miss Mary A. Dawson went on a little excursion Sunday which resulted in the marriage of both, Alvin Price being the lucky man in Miss Dawson's case. The young ladies had been fast friends for some time and had planned that both should enter the state of matrimony at the same time. While we lose a good looking and expert typesetter, Mr. Hartsell has gained an excellent helpmate and our good wishes go out to both young couples.

Other marriages of the past week were: Enos Seay to Della Clark; R. A. Lumsford to Eva Murray; H. M. Balch to Mary Elmore; George W. Holdway to Bessie White; J. E. Hensley to Pearl E. Stuart and Roby Hicks to Georgia Holder.

NEWPORT PEOPLE

AT THE SEASHORE

A number of Newport people are spending the week at the seashore, having left Saturday on the excursion train to Charleston and the Isle of Palms. The train had four sleepers attached to it, and was one of the best patronized excursions to pass through Newport in years. Among those taking the trip were: Misses Bessie Walker, Josephine Huff of Bridgeport, Mrs. Martha Taylor, Ethel and Mary Snoddy, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Wells and Messrs H. B. Williams of Parrottsville, Chas. Morrell, Lewis Clevenger, Ed Clevenger, Otto Clevenger, Edom Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Bruce Grey, A. J. Bush, J. S. Padgett, Henry Lewis, R. P. Barnett and W. P. Smith.

MEETS DEATH UNDER CAR

Youth is Crushed While at Work at Crestmont.

DIRTS SLIPS UNDER HIM

Tried Vainly to Get a Foothold and When Once He Prevents His Fall to the Track, He is Knocked to Death by the Car Brakes.

Crestmont, June 28.—Slipping on the loose dirt of the logging car on which he was riding, Isaac Leatherwood, aged 18 years an employe of the Champion Lumber company fell beneath the wheels and was crushed to death last Wednesday evening. The dirt piled up on the car, high in the middle and tapering to the end and both sides, began to slip with the unfortunate youth, who did not appreciate his danger until his feet left the car, the dirt having carried him to the edge without his knowledge. He made a frantic effort to save himself at the last, clutching the end of the car and had succeeded in gaining a foothold and climbing back onto the car, when he was hit by the break beam and knocked beneath the car, and before the train could be brought to a stop, three cars had passed over him, and when the car stopped, the wheels of the third were on his leg. As the train was standing on a grade it was impossible to pull the train forward, and to back over him met the severing of the leg. The boy pulled himself around and assisted as far as possible the effort to relieve him and finally enough men were gotten to the scene to push the car forward and release him. It was found that his injuries consisted of crushed bones over the heart, and he died in a short time. The deceased was a son of John Leatherwood and lived at the old mill just below Crestmont.

TWO ENGINEERS MEET DEATH ON TENNESSEE CENTRAL RAILROAD

Nashville, June 26.—Two engineers on the Tennessee Central met their death at their posts of duty shortly after 4 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon four miles east of the city, near the Mill Creek crossing. Behind one of the engines, which was pulling the Monterey accommodation, leaving here at 4 o'clock, was a train load of passengers, more than a score of whom were more or less seriously injured. The other engine was pulling a wrecked and two flat cars loaded with telegraph posts.

Two grievous and apparently inexcusable oversights—the remedying of either of which would likely have averted the catastrophe—contributed to the dire result. The engineer of the passenger train failed to blow his whistle, though his train was rounding a bluff at a lively rate. The engineer of the other train was trying to make a siding to back out of the way of the passenger train, which was known to be due soon.

Having no warning of the approaching passenger train, the engineer of the wrecker, which was being pulled by an engine backing toward the city, was hurrying to the point where the sidetrack turned off to Lightman's rock crusher. Just as his engine reached the coveted switch, the Monterey accommodation dashed around the curve, not thirty feet away.

FIRE IN NEW YORK STORE

Main Business Block Threatened By Flames.

LOSS CONFINED TO \$200

Fire Was Discovered Saturday Night Near Midnight, and Because of Prompt Action of the Discoverers, Was Confined to the One Store.

Fire threatened the destruction of the New York store and in fact the whole block in which that building is located at 12:30 o'clock Saturday night and but for the discovery of the flames before they had gained any great headway much damage would have been done.

Smoke was seen to emit from the rear window by several at about 12:30. George, Harry and Burnett Smith and John Ruble were first on the scene and broke open the window in the rear and finding that the flames were just getting a good start cleared away boxes and dry goods from the immediate vicinity, and by the time the water brigade had gotten busy had the flames confined to a few drawers and goods immediately above, and it was an easy matter for the extinguishing of the flames.

The smoke was intense however, and it was with great difficulty that the young men were able to stay within the building and continue their fight. When the flames were extinguished some one broke in the front door permitting more of the smoke to escape.

The fire caused considerable excitement because of its location. The offices of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad are located above the building and in the rear are the telephone and telegraph offices. In the building adjoining is the First National Bank, with their brick wall in between for protection.

Mr. McMillin the proprietor of the New York store estimates his loss between \$225 and \$250, and it is covered by insurance.

SHERIFF JAMES WATERS DEAD

Was Sheriff of Cocke County for Three Terms.

COUNTY COMMITTEEMAN

Father of George C. Duncan Dies at His Home at Greenback After Long Illness—Death of Second Twin Baby—Other Deaths of Week.

After a lingering illness of several weeks, James J. Waters for six years sheriff of Cocke county, died at his residence in Eastport last Thursday night. Many friends called upon him during the last few days of his illness and to all he made it clear that he was anticipating the end and had no fear as to the consequences. He was noted throughout the county for his big heartedness, and this point is best illustrated in the remark made by a friend after his death: "There is a big hearted, whole souled man gone."

"Uncle Jim" Waters as he was familiarly known throughout the county was the congressional committeeman from Cocke county at the time of his death, and other than the three terms of sheriff he had never served as a public official. He is survived by a widow and two children, David Waters and Janie Waters. Two brothers, D. C. Waters of Cosby and Rev. Wm. H. Waters of Del Rio Route No. 2, also survive.

The funeral services were held on Cosby, Saturday and about forty people from Newport were in attendance. All of the Court house officials attended in a body. The funeral service was preached by Rev. Wm. Weaver.

R. J. Duncan Dead

George C. Duncan received word Saturday morning of the death of his father, R. J. Duncan at Greenback. The deceased had been in poor health for nearly two years having suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered, although he at times was able to wheel himself about in a chair. The end had been expected at all times however, because of his advanced age, he being 75 years old at the time of his death. The funeral services were held Sunday at the Duncan home at Greenback. Besides Geo. C. of this city, the following children survive, John G. Duncan of Knoxville, Mrs. Minta Hackner of Kiser and Mrs. Allen Bales of Greenback.

Second Twin Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Dell of Oldtown lost the second twin which was born to them June 23, 1910, one year from date of its birth. The other twin had died in January. The funeral services Saturday and on Sunday one year from the date of its birth the funeral services were being held. The other twin died last January. Rev. J. W. O'Hara preached the funeral service and the interment was made in the O'Dell cemetery.

Small Child Dead

A seven month old child of Mrs. Annie Hampton died Sunday night at Rankin having been sick for several weeks.

Harlie Rollen of Sevier county, the 19-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Rollen, died last Friday and interment was made near her home.

Uncle Henry Barton, colored, one of Cocke county's well known colored citizens died Friday on the Clark farm.

Picnic Party

A picnic party composed of Miss Mollie Johnson of Knoxville, Mrs. Chas. Wallace and son of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Craig of this city spent a very pleasant day recently at Mt. Sterling on the T. & N. C. R. R.—Morristown Sun.

SELLS MAKES MORE CHANGES

First District Congressman is Cleaning Out Offices.

HAS HIS COUSIN OUSTED

J. E. Miller, Postmaster at Indian Springs, of Whom it Was Said Sells Would Not Molest, is Put Out of Office and Successor Named.

That Congressman Sam R. Sells will not permit relationship to stand in his way, that he is determined to clean out the post offices throughout the First congressional district is shown in a special dispatch to THE NEWPORT PLAIN TALK from Washington in which is announced that J. E. Miller postmaster at Indian Springs, Sullivan county George Hoff, postmaster at Shell Creek Carter county and J. H. Tipton postmaster at Limestone Washington county had been removed, and their successors appointed. The removal of Postmaster Miller of Indian Springs recalls an instance in the late campaign when it was stated that Miller was one Brownlow man, which Sells would not dare oust from office, giving as the reason that Miller was a cousin of the then aspirant for congress Sells during that campaign said that relationship would not stand in his way in the removal of any man in the district for cause, and that he was determined as soon as he got to Washington, to clean out the post offices of his department and that if the Indian Springs post office needed cleaning out it would go with the rest. The congressman has been in office for several months. Something like fifty post office changes have been made in the meantime, but there was no hint of the change at Indian Springs and some of the wise politicians winked eyes as though as to say "I told you so", but finally an inspector found cause for removal of this official and immediately upon the receipt of the news Congress-Sells made arrangements for the appointment of his successor. He named John L. Shipley and for Shell Creek he has named Mrs. Fred W. Campbell and for Limestone, E. B. Mitchell.

FREE-FOR-ALL SCRAP AT SUNDAY PICNIC

An all-day meeting and picnic of the Freewill Baptists held at Carson Springs Sunday, terminated in a general row, some two hundred shots and numerous gallons of bad booze being consumed on the grounds. The people, about 75 or 80 in number, gathered on the grounds early. They hovered about the place until time for the preaching, which was scheduled to begin at 2 p. m., but shortly before the hour, too much liquor had manifested itself and when two boys started a personal scrap others joined in and there was a free-for-all, but with no casualties. Two boys, Arlie Taylor and Johnny Roberts, were arrested and Roberts was fined for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and for using profane language, but no case was made against Taylor and he was released. The small sized riot prevented the holding of the religious services as planned.

Recital at Morristown

Mrs. Blair's Music School gave Morristown a musical treat Tuesday when a recital was given in the music rooms of the Kenyon-Sheely company, for the benefit of the Etude Music Club. Those attending from Newport were Mrs. Blair, Mrs. W. D. McSweeney, Misses Elsie and Lucile Robinson, Doris Mims, Nell Kidwell, Katherine McSweeney, Mary Mims.

Misses Lillie Lyon and Gertrude Cash of Knoxville are the much admired guests of Miss Alma Alley.